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BICE APPROVES HERNDON REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN 287(g) PROGRAM

Herndon, VA (January 3, 2007) – The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) has approved a request made by the Herndon Police Department (HPD) to participate in its 287(g) program, a program that authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to enter into a written Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with state and local law enforcement to authorize qualified personnel to perform certain acts of an immigration officer.

Herndon Police Chief Toussaint E. Summers, Jr., announced that his office has received notification of approval in response to a letter of interest sent by HPD in September, 2006. Accordingly, two BICE senior special agents have been assigned to oversee HPD's involvement in the program and will work with HPD to develop the MOA.

Citizens will have an opportunity to review the MOA and share viewpoints before the Herndon Town Council at a public hearing, date to be determined. Following input from citizens, the council will vote on approval of the MOA; if approved, appropriate officials within HPD will then commence with training as directed by the MOA.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

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